

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

THANKS TO THE POSTMAN

BY TROY ALLISON.

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Melissa chewed her pen-stick in pretended meditation, and kept one eye on Dicky Johnston.

Dicky had shown signs of wandering away from the fold, and must be brought back. It was decidedly against Melissa's creed to allow another girl to receive even an iota of admiration from one of her coterie.

There was a girl belonging to the house party. Blonde, Melissa thought contemptuously, who had received entirely too much attention from Dicky.

Therefore, he must be disciplined. His lesson must be decided at once, and to the point. Having decided upon this, Melissa gave her pen one conclusive nibble and commenced writing hurriedly. As there happened to be no one in the library at the time except Dicky and herself, his attention was soon attracted by the aggressive scratching of his pen.

"Why don't you stop and amuse a fellow?" he urged. "What are you writing?"

"Oh—just writing," she replied, adroitly, her tone indicating that there were subjects beyond his comprehension.

"To a man?" he asked, sulkily.

"Very charming," she assured him, impressively. "It's rather an important communication," she continued, "which you would lose over this page and see if it is too stupid."

Dicky took it up with relieved alacrity, but his face lengthened visibly as he read. "I have decided that I will marry you—I don't know why I hesitated. If you can get away from town for a day, take the afternoon local for Salt Lake, and I will meet you there, and you can tell me if you are glad I don't keep you waiting any longer."

Dicky handed it back and commenced a study of the library fire.

"I don't see how any one could possibly call that stupid," he growled.

Melissa signed the note, sealed it and directed it to Dr. John Hartly.

Considering the fact that Dr. Hartly was only a casual acquaintance and had never asked Melissa to marry him, nor

had she ever dreamed of his asking her to do so, this literary achievement might be regarded as rather theatrical.

She gathered up her writing materials, slipped the letter into his writing pad and started for the door. Stopping a minute to fluff up her brown pompadour, she fixed a reproachful eye upon the object of her vengeance.

"I never would have thought, Dicky,"—there were moments of surprise in her voice—"that you would have cared anything at all for blondes!" she went out and shut the door rather decidedly.

As she crossed the hall the letter slipped out and fell to the floor, making no sound on the soft rug. She went upstairs, unconscious of her loss, smiling in anticipation of the interview she would have with Dicky when his repentance had reached a proper degree.

Melissa's theory, gained in her twenty years, that men needed to be taught lessons occasionally, was confirmed by the letter. She was unconscious of the inner workings of Melissa's mind. He picked up her letter and posted it with the others.

Two evenings later the maid brought Melissa Dr. Hartly's card. "I took him to the library, miss. He said he could only stay a few minutes and wanted to see you alone."

Melissa went downstairs, her forehead puckered into a wondering frown. She could not imagine why Dr. Hartly had come to Edenton to talk with her about anything.

He came forward to meet her, and she felt a little constrained in her greeting of this man of forty, who seemed so different from Dicky and the others.

"I'm so glad you decided to marry me," he said cordially, his eyes twinkling. "I hoped some woman would some day. You see, I have been so busy—I rather neglected you."

Melissa gasped with astonishment.

"Who said anything about my marrying you?" she finally managed to say, her eyes round with surprise.

He took her note from his inside

..Society..

There seems to be a decided lull in local society. The only event of yesterday was the informal hop at Fort Douglas, which was hailed with delight by all who had been asked to be present. Quite a number went up to the hospitable city on the edge of the desert, and the enjoyable as are all the events of the army people.

A few bridge parties were given yesterday.

Tonight the Press club banquet and the dance of the High School Alumni association will be the events of importance.

Members of Mrs. Lee's Sunday-school class and their friends are cordially invited to attend a progressive button party at Mrs. Lee's home, 613 Third street, next Friday evening, March 10.

Mrs. Jay T. Harris drove down to Oakland yesterday, where were her friends in preparing the country places for the return of Col. and Mrs. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Walker are among those who are figuring upon a cottage on the seashore near Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. White will leave this morning on their return to Portland. They have been visiting Mr. White's parents for a few days, following their recent marriage in Portland, where Mr. White is on the Oregonian.

Mrs. W. J. Coppin of 346 Third North street entertained on Wednesday in honor of the tenth birthday of little Abbie Schuyler, and as a surprise to her own little daughter, Lenora. The table decorations were violets, with lighted candles. It was a very pleasant affair and will long be remembered by those present.

W. C. Hunt returned to Park City Friday after a pleasant ten-day's visit with his son, J. J. Hunt, and daughter, Mrs. Francis Schuyler.

The P. E. O. society meets this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. D. Melvin, 918 First street.

Mrs. J. G. Paine and Mrs. Frank M. Driggs of Ogden are guests at the home of Mrs. B. M. Short on Eighth East street.

Mrs. John Hinman is entertaining Mrs. T. Hume at Ogden, who will be her guest for a week.

Messrs. A. H. Erdly, E. B. Kearns and C. E. Rule will give a reception to the Owls at their clubrooms in the Auerbach block tonight at 8 o'clock.

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Mrs. Jack Sears and Miss Lulu Snow expect to leave Thursday for Washington, where they will spend a few days during the President's inauguration.

Residents of Utah on Their Travels

Special to The Tribune.
NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 27.—Mr. Robert Patrick of Salt Lake City arrived in New York Monday and is registered at the Denby hotel on Broadway. Mr. Patrick is here buying the holiday toys for C. M. C. I. toy department, and he expects to remain about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Needham, who have spent the past three weeks in New York, leave today for Salt Lake City by way of Chicago, where they will spend a few days. Mr. Needham has been very busy while here.

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